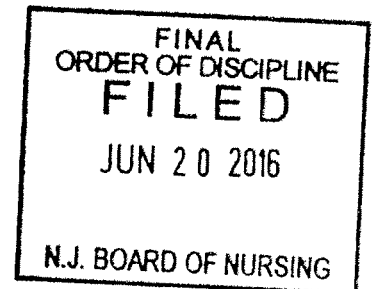
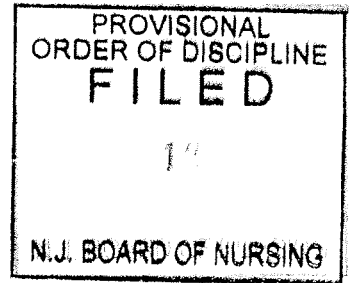


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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROVISIONAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
STEPHANIE GREEN, RN	:	
License # 26NR12750300	:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FINAL ORDER
	:	OF DISCIPLINE
	:	(Finalized by default
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE	:	on <u>June 20, 2016</u>)
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephanie Green ("Respondent") is a Registered Professional Nurse (RN) in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all relevant times. (Exhibit A).

2. The Board received information that on or about February 23, 2009, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing ("Pennsylvania Board") issued a Consent Agreement and Order indefinitely suspending Respondent's license to practice nursing for no less than three (3) years, such suspension to be immediately stayed in favor of no less than three (3) years of probation, after finding that Respondent violated the Professional Nursing Law (Act) as a result of her admission to allegations that she had suffered from employment problems, expenses, and inconvenience of treatment in relation to her chemical abuse or dependency, specifically Percocet, since August 2007. (Exhibit B).

3. The Board also received information that on or about September 19, 2011, the Pennsylvania Board entered a Petition for Appropriate Relief and a Preliminary Order, vacating the stay of suspension, terminating the period of probation, and actively suspending Respondent's license indefinitely for no less than (3) years, finding that Respondent violated the Consent Agreement and Order after the Pennsylvania Board received notification from the Professional Health Monitoring Program ("PHMP") that Respondent failed her toxicology screenings on several occasions. (Exhibit C).

4. On or about April 10, 2012, Respondent completed her biennial license renewal online for the period of June 1, 2012 -

May 31, 2014. The online renewal contains a question that asks, "Since your last renewal has any action been taken or is any action now pending against your professional license or have you been permitted to surrender or otherwise relinquish your license to avoid inquiry, investigation or action by any other licensing authority that you have not already reported to your board/committee?" Respondent answered "no" on the renewal and certified that answer to be true by submitting the online application. (Pertinent portion of renewal attached as Exhibit D).

5. The Board received information that on or about July 16, 2012, the Pennsylvania Board entered into a second Consent Agreement and Order, wherein Respondent's license was indefinitely suspended for no less than three (3) years, retroactive to September 19, 2011, with such suspension immediately stayed in favor of no less than three (3) years of probation, retroactive to September 19, 2011. (Exhibit E).

6. The Board also received information that on or about February 7, 2014, the Pennsylvania Board entered a Preliminary Order, following a January 22, 2014 Petition for Appropriate Relief, vacating the stay of suspension, terminating the period of probation, and actively suspending Respondent's license indefinitely for no less than (3) years, finding that Respondent violated the second Consent Agreement and Order. (Exhibit F).

7. Respondent did not report the Pennsylvania Board's disciplinary actions to the Board. (Exhibit G).

8. Respondent did not submit a biennial license renewal online for the period of June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board finds that Respondent's license to practice nursing was suspended by the Pennsylvania Board four times. Such suspensions subject Respondent to discipline within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g).

The Board also finds that Respondent engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) by certifying on her New Jersey license renewal application that no action had been taken or was pending against any license issued by another authority when, in fact, the Pennsylvania Board had taken action and suspended her nursing license during the relevant time period.

Additionally, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.9, a licensee shall immediately notify the Board if he or she is the subject of any disciplinary action by any state board. Respondent failed to self-report the Pennsylvania Board's action to the New Jersey Board. Accordingly, the Board finds Respondent has failed to comply with a regulation administered by the Board, and is thus also subject to discipline within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Lastly, the Board finds that Respondent is not able to discharge the functions of a licensee safely due to her chemical abuse or dependence, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(1).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 18th day of November, 2015, ORDERED that upon the filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE in this matter:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing is suspended until such time that (a) Respondent demonstrates that her license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been reinstated, (b) Respondent demonstrates that she is fit and competent to practice nursing, and (c) Respondent demonstrates that Recovery and Monitoring Program ("RAMP") supports her return to practice.

2. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth (30) day following entry hereof unless Respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Joanne Leone, Acting Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor or offered in mitigation of penalty.

3. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

4. In the event that Respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to an evidentiary hearing, Respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held and upon review of the record, the Board shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

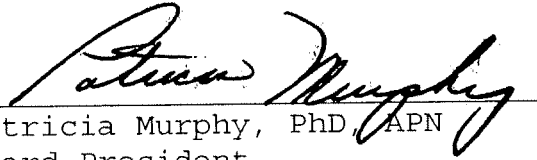
5. In the event that the Board receives no written submission from Respondent within thirty (30) days following filing of this Provisional Order of Discipline, without further Board review, the Provisional Order of Discipline shall automatically become the Final Order of Discipline. The box for Final Order of Discipline shall be checked, the Final Order of Discipline shall be filed, and

copies shall be mailed to Respondent. Thereafter, Respondent's failure to comply with any sanction or penalty imposed by this Order shall be considered a violation of a Board Order in contravention of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (e) and (h) and N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and may subject Respondent to additional sanction and/or penalty.

6. The Board reserves the right to initiate further disciplinary action based upon the underlying action taken by the Sister State of Pennsylvania.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


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